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ROAD WORK HALTS FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Inland Empire – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces that no construction work will take place over the Labor Day weekend, and there will be no road or lane closures due to Caltrans work in the Inland Empire, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Also, roadside rest areas will be open along Interstates 10, 15 and 40 with the exception of the Wildwood Rest Area on eastbound I-10 near Calimesa. This rest stop will be closed until March 2005 so that approximately \$750,000 in improvements can be completed.

To assist motorists during this holiday weekend, starting at 6 AM Friday, September 3 through Tuesday, September 7 at 6 PM, Caltrans has suspended all work that would require closing lanes. This includes construction projects that involve night work. They will resume after 6 PM September 7, 2004 on their usual nighttime schedules. Local road closures may occur for parades or other local events and of course, closures may become necessary for emergencies.

Labor Day Weekend is typically a time for heavy holiday traffic to and from vacation destinations. Please add time to your travel plans for possible traffic delays on major routes such as I-15 to Las Vegas. Take extra water, snacks and medicines. Tune to local radio stations, visit the Caltrans website at www.dot.ca.gov or call 1-800-427-ROAD (7623) before starting your trip. The 800 number is voice-activated and informs callers about road conditions (except unforeseen traffic incidents) on any highway in California. Always drive safely and courteously.

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